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TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year of 1908

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

LOWELL M. WILLIAMS

EDWIN W. MALLETT

ELVIN L. MAIN

Town Clerk

WARREN W. GOUD

Collector

FOSTER B. MESERVE

Treasurer

FOSTER B. MESERVE

Highway Commissioner

LEWIS T. WILLIAMS

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN A. CONE

Auditor

E. S. PILLSBURY

Superintending School Committee

WILLIAM S. ROGERS

WALTER M. WILLIAMS

CHARLES G. WHEELER

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the financial year beginning Feb. 1, 1908, and ending Feb. 1, 1909.

The value of taxable property on the first day of April, 1908, was as follows:

Resident real estate	\$839,063 00
Resident personal estate	155,313 00
Non-resident real estate	140,784 00
Non-resident personal estate	4,050 00
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Total valuation	\$1,139,210 00

Assessments for 1908

State tax	\$3,601 30
County tax	1,536 57
Common schools	3,200 00
Free High school	900 00
Highways and bridges	3,300 00
Poor in the house	300 00
Abatements	600 00
Interest	550 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Fire Department	500 00
Electric lights	1,000 00
School books	400 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies	500 00
State road	150 00
Memorial day	25 00
Poor out of thehouse	850 00
Overlay	94 62
Supplemental	162 38
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\$18,869 87

Number of taxable polls 548

Assessed on each poll \$3.00

Rate of taxation .015

Abatements 1908

Elise Fournier	\$3 00
Mrs. Nathan Stewart, taxes for 1906	6 98
Geo. M. Graves	7 22
F. H. Ward, over-valuation	4 65
G. M. Haynes & Co., over-valuation	6 87
Elzebert Brilliant, over-valuation	2 25
George Corbett	3 00
Mary Q. Clough, property not had	75
Geo. E. Reynolds, property not had	13 50
James C. Cox	3 00
Oscar Cotten, over-valuation	4 50
Diamond Match Co., property not had	37 50
Anson D. Crocker, property not had	3 00
John Rolfe, poll tax	3 00
John L. Alexander	3 00
Louis Dube, dead	3 00
Antoinette Snow, bank stock	6 00
Samuel Knight, property not had	60
B. S. Luce, soldier	3 00
G. B. and J. C. Smith, over-valuation	3 75
Arthur Menard, not here	3 00
J. F. Chaney, soldier	3 00
Seth F. Cary, soldier	3 00
Mrs. Mary B. Cobb, over-valuation	75
W. F. Tate, over-valuation	6 75
S. W. Skelton, cripple	3 00
W. T. Guptill, over-valuation	3 75
Samuel Knight and Son, taxed twice	15 23
G. F. Kane, soldier	3 00
A. P. Kondascin, taxed twice	24 75

Joshua Thompson, not found	7 50	
Olive Barron, not taxable	4 50	
Frances Barron, not taxable	6 00	
J. H. Coombs, not taxable	15 00	
Joseph H. Cox, not taxable	3 75	
Samuel Douglass, property not had	38	
Wm. Lucas, not found	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$230 04

FOSTER B. MISERVI, COLLECTOR

Taxes of 1907

William Arris, away	\$3 00
Alfred Bacon	3 00
W. H. Brown	3 00
S. W. Brown, not of age	3 00
Lewis Baker, poor	3 00
Bert Brawn, dead	3 00
Joseph Coulombe	3 00
Ervin W. Chaney, away	3 00
Dan S. Curtis, away	3 00
Dan Carson, away	3 00
C. S. Douglass	3 00
Frank Eaton, away	3 00
W. A. Fall, away	3 00
Fred A. Goud, away	3 00
Clarence A. Flagg	3 00
Edwin A. Gould	3 00
Louis E. Gould	3 00
Carroll M. Hall, away	3 00
James A. Hamlin, away	3 00
Rev. Johnson	3 00
Walter Leavett, away	3 00
Cleophas Lachance, not found	3 31
Bardinal Libby, not found	4 55
Charles McDonald, away	3 00
Clarence Merriman, away	3 00

George McKinney	3 00
Horace McKinney	3 00
Thomas McKinney	3 00
E. S. Monson	3 00
C. G. Matthews	3 00
Warren Nichols	3 00
James Palozzi	3 00
E. J. Purze	3 00
Orlando Pollard	3 00
Joe Remick	3 00
Eugene Ridley, dead	3 00
James A. Riopelle	3 00
Joseph Remick	3 00
W. S. Small, away	3 00
George Stiko	3 00
Luke Shepard, away	3 00
Bert H. Smith, not taxable	3 00
Howard Small, away	3 00
Sidney Soul	3 00
Albert Spear, not found	3 00
G. F. Smith	3 00
Joshua Thompson	7 65
Freeman Thompson	10 75
C. E. Lowery	3 00
Charles Whittin, away	3 00
Andrew Shiko	3 00
C. Ouellette	3 00
P. Waughn	3 00
Mike Lasko	3 00
Mike Bushoe	3 00
John Blass	3 00
J. Sherba	3 00
J. Ouelora	3 00
Andrew Beatty	3 00
J. Bialog	3 00
M. Bassille	3 00
J. Comsko	3 00

J. Orando	3 00	
E. Brassard	3 00	
J. Tomko	3 00	
M. Gambo	3 00	
E. Boulier	3 00	
Joe Hirish	3 00	
O. Gilbert	3 00	
Andrew Pancake	3 00	
Andrew Petro	3 00	
M. Comsko	3 00	
Mike Mudder	3 00	
A. Kerewack	3 00	
E. Brassarde	3 00	
George M. Graves, heirs of	7 43	
George E. Reynolds	5 90	
Emery Thomas, taxed twice	4 65	
D. B. Webber	3 00	
Morse Brothers, property not taxable	17 82	
Samuel Douglass, heirs of	39	
William Lucious	9 30	
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	\$518 69	
Balance overdrawn 1907	152 77	
	<hr/>	671 46
CREDIT		
By appropriation	\$600 00	
Balance	71 46	
	<hr/>	\$671 46

Fire Department

Paid Albert M. Graves, forest fire	75
Charles H. Rackley, forest fire	2 00
F. H. Wilson, forest fire	2 90
John S. Jack, clerk	26 75
Warren Whittin	4 70
George Carter	50
J. L. Jack, clerk	10 00

D. S. Colby, repairing engine	28 48
John S. Jack, clerk	36 00
S. T. Brown & Co.,	11 48
Harry A. Rackley, forest fire	3 00
Westley Nichols, forest fire	75
R. H. Smith, forest fire	3 00
E. H. Smith, forest fire	8 90
John Dennison, forest fire	4 25
George Carter, forest fire	12 75
Henry and Albert Bouchard, forest fire	1 00
L. H. White, forest fire	1 60
Charles Cook, forest fire	5 75
Philip G. Alexander, forest fire	75
W. H. White, forest fire	87
Albert Lowery, forest fire	2 75
Sanford Purinton, forest fire	97
Earl Griffin, forest fire	52
Arthur Smith, forest fire	3 50
L. E. Bradbury, forest fire	9 75
Victor Sprague, forest fire	1 00
George F. Grover, forest fire	9 50
E. B. Sprague and others, forest fire	7 00
L. E. Main, forest fire	2 10
E. F. Varney and W. H. Metcalf, forest fire	1 74
F. E. Daggett, forest fire	3 10
C. B. Hennessey, forest fire	2 50
Erving Alexander, forest fire	87
L. M. Williams, forest fire	12 50
E. M. Main, forest fire	7 00
F. W. Atkinson, painting engine	72 91
F. W. Atkinson, clerk forest fires at Pejepsco	149 00
William P. Wilson, forest fire	2 50
Ernest Eaton, forest fire	2 60
W. S. Cash, forest fire	15 75
Frank Haskins, forest fire	2 00

James R. Hennessey forest fire	1 62
C. C. Ridley, forest fire	1 50
Leon Griffin, forest fire	1 35
W. P. W. Purinton, clerk	28 00
Wilber E. Cox, forest fire	75
Lawrence Stone, forest fire	1 20
H. L. Berry, forest fire	6 50
W. A. Alexander, forest fire	75
H. S. Small, forest fire	87
John L. Jack, forest fire	2 50
R. H. & E. H. Smith, forest fire	13 25
J. F. Cunningham, forest fire	1 50
Elton Noyes, forest fire	4 00
A. H. Merriman, forest fire	50
George Carter, forest fire	50
Earnest Eaton, forest fire	45
L. M. Williams, forest fire	2 55
C. C. Ridley, forest fire	3 00
Walter M. Cox, forest fire	5 75
J. H. Avery, forest fire	4 50
B. A. Cromwell, forest fire	1 25
C. F. Wilson, forest fire	4 00
Z. H. Noyes, forest fire	3 75
E. M. Main, forest fire	2 75
W. P. W. Purinton, clerk	27 00
C. L. Douglass and Geo. Barrows, forest fire	6 00
E. C. Hall, forest fire	12 75
Albert Ward, forest fire	38 25
J. P. Hayward, forest fire	3 75
Levi Howland, forest fire	7 75
Z. H. Noyes, forest fire	3 25
C. E. Meserve, forest fire	1 00
Joseph Jean, forest fire	11 25
W. S. Noyes, forest fire	7 00
L. P. White, forest fire	4 00
W. P. W. Purinton, clerk	30 75

L. H. White, moving engine	1 00	
Humphrey Purinton, coal	7 50	
A. D. Ripley, forest fire	2 40	
John Harrigan, forest fire	50	
J. F. Chaney, coal	7 75	
A. C. Morrill, forest fire	13 00	
U. A. Jack, forest fire	6 00	
Frank E. Haskell, forest fire	4 25	
S. R. Howes, forest fire	6 75	
W. A. Dolloff, forest fire	2 50	
W. J. Wilson, forest fire	2 75	
W. P. W. Purinton, fire house of Geo. B. Ridley and Mrs. F. Kane	29 50	
	<hr/>	\$800 18
CREDIT		
By appropriation	\$500 00	
Balance from last year	99 52	
M. C. R. R.	166 75	
Balance	33 91	
	<hr/>	\$800 18

Miscellaneous

Paid N. E. Telephone Co.	45
G. J. Roy, reporting births and deaths	4 75
E. S. Pillsbury, auditor	5 00
E. L. Hunter, commission for taxes, 1906	125 00
W. C. Hall, insurance on Town hall	20 00
Charles Hanson, moth nests	42
Parker S. Adams, moth nests	82
E. B. Meserve, salary as treasurer, 1907	45 00

W. W. Goud, services as Town clerk, recording births and deaths and supplies	49 90
Brunswick Publishing Co., printing Town reports	70 00
E. L. Hunter, commission on taxes for 1906	50 00
L. M. Williams, balance services as selectman	48 65
Geo. F. Mallett for sheep killed by dogs	11 00
F. B. Meserve, commission as collector, 1907	100 00
E. M. Main, balance services as selectman, 1907	144 40
E. M. Main, cleaning Town hall	1 50
Harold Ward, moth nests	42
F. B. Meserve, posting and notifying Town officers	3 00
Arthur B. Graves, moth nests	2 33
Frank R. Hall, moth nests	2 20
Floyd Curtis, moth nests	22
Harry Christopher, moth nests	10
Harry Christopher and E. Griffin, moth nests	30
Arthur Lamarre, taking valuation and school census	5 76
John Jack and Warren Whitten, moth nests	24 00
John Hyde, moth nests	99
W. M. Williams, moderator	5 00
W. R. Hildreth, balance services as selectman, 1907	75 00
W. S. Rogers, insurance on High school building	3 75
F. B. Meserve, tax deeds of Jeremiah Sedgley and W. H. Brown	23 11

Warren Whitten and John Jack, gathering moth nests	18 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, valuation books	11 00
Benjamin L. Furbish	1 06
John A. Fisher for record of trans- fer of property	7 60
Loring, Short & Harmon, valuation book	4 50
E. M. Main, stove for selectmen's office	2 00
G. M. Wheeler, letter heads	1 25
John A. Cone, services as super- intendent of schools	81 50
L. H. White, watching July 3 and 4	4 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, Town order book	6 00
M. C. Hall, insurance Pejepscot school house	60 00
Arthur Lamarre, watching and po- lice duty	4 50
H. Cannon, cleaning the old cemetery	12 00
W. J. Wilson, election clerk	2 50
John A. Cone, services as school superintendent in full	23 00
G. L. Quint, teams for school sup- erintendent,	13 50
W. J. Wilson, labor in cemetery	8 50
W. S. Noyes, watching July 3 and 4	4 00
Henry Cornish, sheep killed by dogs	12 00
Wm. Dunning, ballot clerk	5 00
G. M. Wheeler, printing voting list	12 00
John Chaplin, election clerk	5 00
F. A. Rackley, ballot clerk	5 00
F. B. Meserve, dog licenses	117 00
John Dennison, cleaning lockup	25

L. M. Williams, services as select- man, in part	125 00	
Fred Atkinson, truant officer and police duties	7 00	
William Wilson, election clerk	2 50	
F. B. Meserve, com. on taxes	200 00	
E. M. Main, services as selectman in part	115 00	
E. W. Mallett, services as select- man, in part	125 00	
G. J. Roy, fumigating home of Charles St. Pierre	2 25	
Fred Hussey, sawing wood town hall	65	
W. S. Rogers, services as superin- tendent of schools	14 80	
W. S. Rogers, watering privilege	3 00	
Dr. H. O. Curtis, for board of health	30 00	
D. S. Colby, shop work	160	
Geo. E. Bowker, insurance high school building	75 00	
L. M. Williams, repairing town building and work in select- men's office	9 99	
H. O. Curtis, reporting deaths and births	3 00	
E. H. Andrews, reporting deaths and births	1 50	
C. W. P. Foss, reporting deaths and births	8 25	
Barret Potter, counsel for water committee	50 00	
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	\$2,018 77	
Balance unexpended	842 17	
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		\$2,860 94
CREDIT		
By balance from last year	\$453 20	
Appropriation	1,200 00	

Land redeemed	11	42	
D. S. Colby, lumber	15	00	
Everett Fund	8	08	
Emus Fund	7	56	
Wm. Pennell, land redeemed	21	20	
State, Alex Bergeron	87	43	
Interest on balances	40	32	
State road, 1907	300	00	
F. H. Ward, lumber	3	60	
F. H. Ward, land redeemed	5	82	
F. B. Meserve, dog tax	56	00	
W. W. Goud, dog licenses	61	00	
Dog licenses refunded	81	80	
State, burial Old Soldier	35	00	
State, Mary A. Davis	66	00	
M. C. R. R., freight refunded	1	19	
R. R. and telegraph tax	148	57	
Overlay	94	62	
Supplemental	162	38	
Returned from cutting bushes		75	
			\$2,860 94

Highways

Paid Geo. L. Quint	\$5	42
Ed. Smith		45
Albert M. Graves	7	40
L. E. Main		60
A. E. Tedford	5	00
W. H. Noyes	3	72
W. J. Wilson	3	75
Benj. Harding	1	50
L. M. Williams	9	15
S. C. Andrews	1	75
W. E. Noyes		50
F. H. Ward	4	00

A. S. Jack	6 40
P. L. Tedford	8 10
George Ward	1 57
P. L. Tedford	19 23
O. A. Barker	2 10
W. H. Brown	4 50
John Lowery	7 50
M. C. R. R.	9 63
W. H. Brown	9 00
Peter Peterson	114 40
M. C. R. R.	65
George Dugas	35 85
Albert Lowery	10 50
L. T. Williams	87 50
P. L. Tedford	21 09
E. H. Smith	9 68
George Lowery	7 50
E. J. Leavitt	6 00
David Pepin	10 50
E. H. Smith	12 00
S. T. Brown Co.	18 92
E. J. Leavitt	7 50
Elgin Hunter	11 00
H. S. Small	91 02
W. H. Metcalf	20 10
E. A. Hunter	21 37
P. L. Tedford	16 00
George Ward	6 00
F. W. Thorn	10 50
E. A. Hunter	22 50
L. H. White	52 10
H. G. Powers	106 37
P. L. Tedford	11 90
W. J. White	40 50
L. W. Tedford	45 12
Harry A. Rackley	2 85
J. L. Foster	62 42

Frank Bruno	8 25
Geo. Dugas	32 00
David Pepin	11 25
Elgin and E. A. Hunter	8 32
E. H. Smith	2 25
Walter M. Cox	7 80
Wilber E. Cox	4 50
L. T. Williams	113 12
E. J. Leavitt	3 00
H. B. Hutchins	25 00
A. O. Ripley	109 42
E. B. Sprague and others	97 22
W. J. Wilson	2 70
John Dennison	59 87
C. I. Allen	3 00
Bowdoinham Lumber Co.,	15 78
W. B. Staples	15 00
W. A. Alexander	10 73
L. T. Williams	13 50
H. S. Small	15 00
N. G. Curtis	10 08
Walter H. Curtis	3 00
J. F. Mallett	14 49
Peter Peterson	8 00
C. A. Ward	10 50
S. C. Curtis	1 50
George Carter	45
John L. Alexander	10 00
Z. H. Noyes	1 10
Benjamin Harding	1 50
W. S. Noyes	24 30
G. L. Quint	23 75
Henry Cornish	50
Frank Crosmen	1 75
G. A. Hunter	2 25
C. P. Edgecombe	40 50
C. E. Meserve	28 25
B. M. Patten	4 05

A. B. Black, road machine, scraper and plow	217 11
Wm. Dunning	7 50
Alvah Mallett	3 10
F. A. Rackley	17 90
George Carter	3 00
A. H. Goodwin	7 95
E. W. Mallett	17 25
Benj. Harding	4 50
George Labbe	11 37
C. H. Williams	4 25
John Jack	1 50
E. L. Hunter	7 90
E. H. Phinney	7 50
M. T. Condon	3 00
W. F. Tate	5 50
A. M. Graves	1 36
L. M. Williams	5 39
M. S. Stewart	16 90
W. A. Foster	5 62
Walter H. Foster	2 00
C. P. Edgecombe	17 62
U. A. Jack	2 88
George Ward	8 49
Frank E. Haskell	1 80
Arthur and A. L. Jack	9 75
D. S. Colby	8 35
S. R. Hows	1 95
Carr Brothers	5 25
F. C. Whitehouse, labor on Green st.,	157 50
Bowdoin Paper Co., coal ashes	22 12
Augustus Leavitt	70
A. L. Jack	24 19
Sanford Purinton	60
Wm. Graves	4 50
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	\$2,334 79
Balance unexpended	800 82
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	\$3,135 61

CREDIT

Balance from last year	46 80	
Appropriation	3,000 00	
L. A. & W. Street railroad	88 81	
	<hr/>	\$3,135 61

State Road

Paid Albert Lowery	\$6 00
Peter St. Pierre	20 00
Augustus Leavitt	17 25
Maynard Tarr	12 20
Wilber E. Cox	3 00
Peter St. Pierre	232 50
Elis Leavitt	9 75
Harry A. Hall	2 25
Harry A. Rackley,	21 00
William Mountfort	11 25
E. R. & L. W. Tedford	16 25
C. F. Wilson	16 50
W. A. Alexander	11 25
H. S. Small	27 50
J. F. Mallett	12 00
Elton Noyes	1 50
F. R. Howland	24 90
W. J. White	21 00
S. C. Curtis	11 00
James A. Tarr	28 15
John L. Alexander	11 25
J. P. Haywood	11 25
Leon Howland	4 75
W. S. Noyes	5 62
Charles P. Edgecombe	13 05
B. M. Patten	11 25
Wm. Dunning	11 25
E. C. Patten	14 06
F. A. Rackley	14 59
L. M. Williams	29 02

E. W. Mallett	49 25	
L. H. White	7 50	
E. V. Shaw	11 25	
A. D. Ripley	14 06	
E. H. Phinney	12 62	
Harry Edgcombe	5 00	
Walter H. Foster	11 25	
A. C. Morrell	11 25	
Harrison Stone	18 62	
Knight & Stanwood, coal	21 31	
	<hr/>	\$791 45

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$3 16	
Appropriation	450 00	
Received from state	336 67	
Balance	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$791 45

Poor Farm

Paid L. M. Williams, on repairs	\$9 57
D. & C. E. Scribner, supplies	10 90
Gilbert Cox, mason work	10 00
Irvin Gatchell, supplies furnished poor	12 19
Irvin Gatchell, salary in full	65 80
Clarence E. Strout, salary in part	150 00
Clarence E. Strout, supplies furnished poor	3 60
F. E. Roberts, shoes	4 00
James F. Will Co., supplies	15 81
C. F. Wilson, labor on repairs	3 75

Augustus Leavitt, labor on repairs	1 50	
Clarence E. Strout, labor on repairs	4 25	
Benj. L. Furbish, shingles and nails	30 50	
Stanley T. Brown & Co., lumber	2 72	
E. H. Wilson	2 00	
M. G. Powers, room paper, years		
'07 '08	3 51	
W. E. Gordon, chair	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$331 85

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$ 66	
Appropriation	300 00	
Sale of stock	20 00	
Balance	11 19	
	<hr/>	\$331 85

Poor Out of the House

Paid Town of Brunswick, Mrs. Watson	\$39 33
Mrs. Eugene Ridley, board Geo. Davis	5 50
M. S. Campbell, insane hospital	360 02
D. H. Flagg, rent for soldier and family	73 60
D. H. Flagg, rent for Converse Hatch	55 00
D. H. Flagg, rent for Richard Pratt	72 00
City of Bath, for Charles Whitten	76 74
Wm. Hamilton, supplies for old soldier	7 50
Samuel Knight for Wm. Stickney	30 00
Samuel Knight for Louis Baker	44 25
Emma J. Thompson, board for Miss Farr	29 08
Town of Sanford, supplies for Rachel Watson	16 20

G. B. Ridley, rent for Mrs. Storer	10 95
W. E. Gordon, one coffin for Mrs. Corleau, year 1904	10 00
J. G. Fornier, lodging for tramp and Carson family	5 00
W. E. Gordon, burial of soldier	35 00
A. M. Graves, supplies for soldier	23 00
W. J. Wilson, digging grave C. H. Brawn	2 00
C. E. Meserve, wood for Mrs. Hatch	5 50
Town of Lisbon, board of Emery Thomas	42 50
Augustus Lemieux, wood for sol- dier	4 50
J. W. Cornish, supplies for Mrs. Hatch	5 16
Mrs. Eugene Ridley, board for George Davis	26 72
Fred Hussey, sawing wood for Mrs. C. Hatch	75
Dr. H. O. Curtis, medical atten- dance for Rose Cummings	26 00
D. S. Colby, tomb rent for C. H. Brawn	5 00
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance Geo. Davis	8 50
G. L. Quint, wood for soldier	2 75
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance Baker family	18 00
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance James Towne family	16 00
C. L. Strout, board for Miss Farr	22 50
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	\$1,080 05
Balance unexpended	190 42
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	\$1,270 47

CREDIT

By balance from las year	\$142 63	
Appropriation	850 00	
C. H. Chapman, rent	60 64	
Town of Windsor	30 00	
Town of Brunswick	187 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,270 47

Common Schools

Faid Mabel E. Norcross	\$180 00	
Clara P. Hussey	360 00	
Viola L. Adell	342 00	
Beatrice L. Rogers	110 00	
Lillian E. Oover	154 00	
Elizabeth Waltman	259 75	
Winnefred M. Young	113 40	
Grace M. Clifford	195 25	
Anna Barron	300 28	
Ethel T. Allen	252 00	
Edith Carr	219 50	
Mary E. Ripley	257 00	
Mrs. R. E. Williams	60 00	
Carrie B. Stinson	63 00	
Mary A. Giveen	256 25	
Mildred H. Quill	112 00	
Matilda Fournier	50 00	
Jeanette B. Purinton	254 75	
Eva P. Bickford	84 00	
Cecil L. Butler	294 50	
Mrs. Evelyn Dunning	153 50	
Charles L. Smith	90 75	
Eleanor Powers	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,423 93

Transportation

Paid Edward Atkins	\$128 90	
G. F. Mallett	49 00	
F. A. Rackley	121 00	
L. A. & W. St. Ry.	92 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 90

Fuel

Paid Roger Williams	\$15 50	
E. H. Phinney	7 00	
E. W. Smith	1 50	
A. J. Hildreth	24 75	
W. S. Rogers, coal	210 46	
W. A. Alexander	24 00	
W. H. Haley	9 50	
W. J. Wilson	16 25	
B. M. Patten	16 13	
E. C. Patten	31 50	
Pejepscot Paper Co., coal	54 40	
E. L. Hunter	17 12	
S. P. Graves	17 50	
C. H. Barnes	22 25	
	<hr/>	\$467 86

Care

Paid Charles E. Hanson	\$1 75	
Elmer Williams	7 15	
Geo Ward	3 00	
Annie C. Temple	19 00	
W. J. Wilson	12 35	
C. I. Allen	50	
Wm. Preston	2 20	
Joseph Curtis	2 55	
Mrs. G. Fournier	3 00	
Michell Levesque	12 51	

Julia E. Grover	5 00	
John A. Cone	2 00	
A. M. Grover	4 50	
Fred Hussey	1 00	
W. H. Foster	1 88	
D. S. Colby	72	
J. F. Brooks	48 00	
F. R. Hall	2 00	
John A. Cone and class of 1908	71 50	
Frank Ridley	9 25	
Charles E. Hanson	1 50	
W. J. Wilson	75	
John Tarbox	75	
	<hr/>	\$5,395 55
Balance unexpended	1,392 48	
	<hr/>	\$6,788 03

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$844 31	
Appropriation	3,200 00	
Interest on school fund	33 36	
School fund and mill tax	4,707 36	
Tuition, Alvah Stetson	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,788 03

High School

Paid John A. Cone	\$609 40	
Mabel E. Norcross	180 00	
Howard L. Winslow	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,139 40

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$226 74	
Appropriation	900 00	
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	\$1,126 74	
Balance	12 66	
	<hr/>	\$1,139 40
Due from State	\$250 00	

School Books

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$36 83	
American Book Co.,	93 06	
Ginn & Co.,	138 98	
Benj. H. Sanborn	8 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	10 35	
J. Q. Adams & Co.,	34 00	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	5 36	
John A. Cone	6 45	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	19 38	
	<hr/>	\$352 41
Balance unexpended	\$57 36	
	<hr/>	\$409 77

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$9 77	
Appropriation	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$409 77

School Repairs and Supplies

Paid Andrew Gauthier	\$4 80
E. A. Crawford	3 50
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	40 52
Geo. K. Curtis and others	6 90
L. E. Bradbury	\$4 31
Benj. L. Furbish	25 69
Masury Young & Co.,	16 50
Mabel E. Norcross and others	4 70
A. H. Andrews & Co.,	40 80
Anna L. Barron	1 04
M. C. R. R., freight	4 28
Chas. L. Smith	1 70
Howard & Brown	10 35
Alfred Bouchard	23 50
L. E. Bradbury	19 74
Brunswick Publishing Co.,	12 25

W. S. Cash	21	88	
George F. Grover	6	75	
W. E. Gordon	18	50	
Alfred Bouchard	3	00	
J. F. Brooks	4	00	
Gilbert C. Cox	33	75	
Henry H. Rogers	8	65	
Eaton Hardware Co.,	9	99	
G. B. Ridley	75	29	
S. T. Brown & Co.,	54	47	
L. M. Williams	5	75	
W. J. Wilson	7	18	
John A. Cone	2	25	
Louis R. Hyde		75	
Henry Cornish	1	50	
F. W. Atkinson	4	50	
M. G. Powers	12	96	
A. Melcher Graves	1	20	
W. E. Gordon		25	
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		\$493	24
Balance unexpended		31	25
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			\$524 49

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$24	49	
Appropriation	500	00	
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			\$524 49

Electric Lights

Paid Brunswick Electric Light & Power Co.		\$1,070	75
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CREDIT

By balance last year	\$30	45	
Appropriation	1,000	00	
Balance	40	30	
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			\$1,070 75

Mustard Fund

Paid Order No. 26	\$5 00	
Order No. 43	5 00	
Order No. 112	3 50	
Order No. 162	5 00	
Order No. 168	10 10	
Order No. 511	10 00	
Order No. 615	5 00	
Order No. 617	10 00	
Order No. 155	3 00	
Order No. 81	3 00	
Order No. 629	5 00	
Order No. 637	5 00	
Order No. 646	5 00	
Order No. 649	6 98	
Order No. 650	5 00	
Order No. 653	10 00	
Order No. 654	10 00	
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	\$106 58	
Balance unexpended	13 84	
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		\$120 42

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$17 61	
Appropriation	102 81	
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		\$120 42

Interest

Paid J. O. & C. E. Meserve	\$20 84
Julia M. Hildreth	17 50
W. R. Hildreth	113 75
Chas. E. Bradley heirs	17 50
First National Bank	43 07

Ora E. & Andrew J. Reed	70 00	
Sarah A. Skolfield	122 50	
John O. Meserve	20 00	
Mustard Fund	102 81	
School Fund	33 36	
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	\$561 33	
Unexpended balance	87 80	
	<hr/>	\$649 13

CREDIT

By balance from last year	99 13	
Appropriation	550 00	
	<hr/>	\$649 13

Carrie Emus Fund

Paid F. B. Meserve, treasurer	\$7 56	
Balance Oct. 1, 1908	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$207 56

CREDIT

By balance Oct. 1, 1907	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1908	7 56	
	<hr/>	\$207 56

Mildred Everett Fund

Paid F. B. Meserve, treasurer	\$8 08	
By balance Oct. 7, 1908	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 08

CREDIT

By balance Oct. 1, 1907	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1908	8 08	
	<hr/>	\$208 08

Temporary Loans

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1908	\$10,200 00
Loan 1908 First National Bank, Brunswick	2,000 00
Loan 1908 John O. Meserve	600 00
	<hr/> \$12,800 00

CREDIT

Paid First National Bank, Brunswick	\$2,000 00
John O. Meserve	600 00
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1909	10,200 00
	<hr/> \$12,800 00

State Tax

Paid Pascal P. Gilmore, State treasurer	\$3,601 30
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CREDIT

By amount raised	\$3,601 30
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County Tax

Paid Albert L. Strout, County treasurer	\$1,536 57
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CREDIT

By amount raised	\$1,536 57
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Memorial Day

Paid Walter C. Ross	\$25 00
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CREDIT

By amount raised	\$25 00
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Liabilities

Temporary loans	\$10,200 00	
Mustard fund	2,937 50	
School fund	667 28	
Skolfield Cemetery fund	200 00	
Perkins Cemetery fund	150 00	
Flye Cemetery fund	200 00	
Bond	500 00	
Due towns and individuals	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$14,858 53

Available Resources

Taxes uncollected Feb. 1, '09 .	\$1,652 82	
Due from town of Brunswick	43 50	
Due from State, Geo. Davis	40 72	
Due from State, free high school	250 00	
Due for rent old engine house	18 00	
Real estate held by town for taxes	22 74	
Due from contractor of water district	6 00	
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1909	4,430 20	
	<hr/>	\$6,463 98

Net town debt, Feb. 1, 1909, \$8,394.55

Collector's Account

TO FRED A. RACKLEY, COLLECTOR

Balance due the town, Feb. 1, 1908	\$227 48	
Amount collected	28 28	
Balance Feb. 1, 1909	<hr/>	\$199 20

EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR

Balance due the town, Feb. 1, 1908	\$763 70	
Amount collected	44 16	
Balance Feb. 1, 1909	<hr/>	\$719 54

FOSTER B. MESERVE, COLLECTOR

Tax of 1907

Balance due the town, Feb. 1, 1908	\$691 82	
Amount collected	536 51	
Balance Feb. 1, 1909	<u> </u>	\$155 31

FOSTER B. MESERVE, COLLECTOR

Tax of 1908

Uncollected taxes Feb. 1, 1909	<u>\$578 77</u>
Total amount due	\$1,652 82

Treasurer's Report**Town of Topsham in Account with F. B. Meserve, Treasurer**

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To Town Orders from Feb. 1, 1908 to Feb. 1, 1909	\$25,018 09
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1909	<u>4,430 20</u>
	\$29,448 29

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By balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1908	\$3,417 39
State for Alex Bergeron	87 43
State for good roads	636 37
F. H. Ward, lumber	3 60
F. H. Ward, land redeemed	5 82
Alvah Stetson, tuition High school	3 00
Temporary loans	2 600 00
C. H. Chapman, rent	60 64
State, railroad and telegraph tax	148 57
State, dog licenses refunded	81 80
Dog taxes from Town Clerk	61 00
State, burial of soldier	35 00
Interest on bank account	40 32
Town of Windsor	30 00

Maine Central railroad fire	166	75
Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville St. railway	88	81
Geo. E. Potter		75
Town of Brunswick	187	20
State, Mary Davis	66	00
Dog tax from constable	56	00
Jeremiah Sedgley, land redeemed	11	42
State, school tax and mill fund	2,707	36
Mildred Everett Fund interest	8	08
Carrie Emus Fund interest	7	56
Wm. M. Pennell, land redeemed	21	20
Lana S. Colby, lumber	15	00
M. C. R. R. refund on freight bill	1	19
Fred A. Rackley, tax 1904	28	28
Edgar L. Hunter, tax 1905	10	95
Edgar L. Hunter, tax 1906	33	21
F. B. Meserve, tax 1907	536	51
F. B. Meserve, tax 1908	18,291	10
	<hr/> \$29,448 29	

F. B. MESERVE, *Treasurer*.

Amount of all Uncollected Taxes Feb. 1, 1909

F. A. Rackley for year 1904	199 20	
Edgar L. Hunter for year 1995	333 96	
Edgar L. Hunter for year 1906	385 58	
F. B. Meserve for year 1907	155 31	
F. B. Meserve for year 1908	578 77	
		<hr/> \$1,652 82

Appropriations Recommended for 1909

Highways and bridges	\$3,300 00
Abatements	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,200 00
Poor out of the house	800 00
Poor in the house	350 00
Electric lights	1,100 00
Interest	600 00
Fire department	500 00
State road	150 00
Memorial day	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. WILLIAMS,) *Selectmen, Assessors*
 E. W. MALLETT,) *-and*
 ELVIN M. MAIN,) *Overseers of Poor*

Appropriations Recommended by School Committee for 1909

Commons schools	\$3,500 00
Free High school	900 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies	500 00
School books	400 00

Auditor's Report

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen as selectmen and overseers of the poor, and the accounts of Foster B. Meserve, treasurer of the town of Topsham, for the year to Feb. 1, 1909, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. S. PILLSBURY, *Auditor.*

Uncollected Taxes of 1904

F. A. RACKLEY, COLLECTOR

Arquet, Fred	\$3 00	X
Allen, Enos	3 00	X
Avery, Joseph	3 00	X—
Berry, Dunham	3 00	X
Belanger, Amide	3 00	X
Bouchard, Joseph	3 00	X
Bacon, Alfred	3 00	X
Brown, W. H.	3 00	X
Beals, Harold	3 00	X
Barilbeau, Peter	3 00	X
Colby, Charles O.	3 00	X
Copp, Robert A.	3 00	X
Clewey, M. A.	3 38	X
Cote, Cypren	3 00	X
Clouthier, Camille	3 00	X—
Clouthier, Alphonse	3 00	—
Coulombe, Ulric	3 00	X
Fortin, Joe	3 00	X
Fickett, Charles	3 38	X
Given, C. S.	3 00	X
Gagne, Napoleon	3 00	X
Gagnon, J.	3 00	X
Holbrook, Richard	3 30	X
Huston, Charles	3 00	X
Hutchinson, Fred	3 00	X
Leavitt, Charles C., Jr.	3 00	X
Longtain, Julien	3 00	X
Leveque, Pierre	3 00	X
Leveque, Alphonse	3 00	X
Libby, A	3 00	X
Libby, W. T.	3 00	X
McKenney, George	3 00	X
Mudder, M.	3 00	X
McDonald, J.	3 00	X

Morin, Mitchel	3 00	X
Morin, Albert	3 00	X
Mariner, Percy E.	3 00	X
Ouellette, Leon	\$3 00	X
Pearson, W. C.	3 00	X
Powers, C. A.	3 00	X
Perkins, Frank	3 00	X
Rumrill, Wilbur	1 68	—
Roberts, R. E.	3 9	X
Roberts, G. A.	3 00	X
Ridley, Eugene	3 61	X
Robinson, Oren	3 00	X
Shaw, Eugene	3 00	X
Shepard, Joseph E.	3 00	X
Small, Howard	3 00	'
Sedgley, Levi	3 00	X
Sedgley, Richard	3 00	X
St. Pierre, Esdras	3 00	X
Sedgley, Hiram	3 00	X
Loncho, L.	3 00	X
St. Pierre, A.	3 00	X
Stone, Frank	3 00	X
Staples, Chester A.	3 74	-
Temple, Eugene	5 20	X
Temple, Irvin	3 00	X
Thornton, Thomas	3 00	X
Tibbetts, Jonas	3 00	X
Thurlow, George	3 00	X
Ward, George	3 00	X
Wilson, Swansey	3 00	X
<hr/>		\$199 20

Uncollected Taxes of 1905

EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR

Berry, Dunham	\$3 00	X
Belanger, Amide	3 00	X
Belanger, J. B.	3 00	X

Bacon, Alfred	40	X
Brown, W. H.	2 50	X
Beal, Harold	3 00	X
Baker, Louis	3 00	X
Bushor, J.	3 00	X
Burmah, J.	3 00	X
Blondin, D.	3 00	X
Bernier, Louis	3 00	X
Bernier, Harry	3 00	X
Church fund	7 50	X
Curtis, C. E.	3 00	X
Curtis, Humphrey	3 00	X
Copp, Robert A.	9 00	X
Cox, James C.	3 00	X
Couloumbe, Joseph, Jr.	3 00	X
Chaney, Irvin	3 00	X
Couloumbe, Ulric	3 00	X
Cunningham, John	3 00	X
Fortin, Joe	3 00	X
Gagnon, Alphonse	3 00	X
Grady John	3 00	X
Gagne, Napoleon	3 00	X
Harrington, Chas., heirs	8 25	X
Hoyt, Fred	5 00	X
Howe, C. D.	3 00	X
Leavitt, C. C., Jr.,	3 00	X
Leydon, C. P.	3 98	X
Levoie, Joseph, 2d,	3 00	X
Matthews, C. G.	3 23	X
Merrill, A. S.	3 00	X
McKinney, Thomas	3 00	X
Marshall, Joseph	3 00	X
Mapisk, John	3 00	X
Niles, Augustus	3 00	X
Nichols, W. J.	3 00	X
Purinton, Lester	4 50	X
Purinton, James	3 00	X

Preston, G. H.	3 00	X
Polazzi, James	3 00	X
Perkins, Frank	3 00	X
Painchard, B.	3 00	X
Petro, John	3 00	X
Priest, Chas. A.	3 00	X
Ridley, Eugene	3 60	X
Roy, Joseph	3 00	X
Richard, J.	3 00	X
Shaw, Eugene	3 00	X
Shepard, Luke	3 00	X
Shepard, J. E.	3 00	X
Small, Howard	3 00	X
Smith, Herbert	3 00	X
Symbal, J.	3 00	X
Tarr, E. C.	3 00	X
Trufant, C. H.	3 00	X
Harding & Cody	4 50	X
Ward, George	8 25	X
Wilson, Swansea	3 00	X
Watko, J.	3 00	X
Woodard, W. F.	3 00	X
Towne, W. H.	3 00	X
Leveque, Alphonse	3 00	X
Leveque, Charles	3 00	X
Cote, Cypren	3 00	X
Curtis, Bryant	3 00	X
Bernier, Camille	3 00	X
Hillaire, Williams	3 00	X
	<hr/>	\$229 71
Non-Resident		
Bisby, D. E.	\$75 00	X
Fournier, Clifford	1 50	X
Hacker, Charles	2 25	X
Nickerson, E. B.	12 00	X
Rogers, C. S.	13 50	X
	<hr/>	\$104 25
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		\$333 95

Uncollected Taxes of 1906

EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR

Artis, Wm.	\$3 00 X
Berry, Dunham	3 00 X
Belanger, Amide	3 00 X
Brown, W. H.	3 00 X
Bernier, Louis	3 00 X
Brown	3 00 X
Bouchard, Alfred	3 00 X
Bois, Telesphore	3 00 —
Belanger, Elzerad	3 00 X
Baker, Louis	3 00 X
Curtis, N. G.	3 00 —
Curtis, Humphrey	3 00 X
Cote, Cypren	3 00 X
Curtis, C. E.	3 00 X
Chaney, I. W.	3 00 X
Columbe, Ulric	3 00 X
Courette, Joseph	3 00 X
Cunningham, John	3 00 X
Coulombe, Laurea	3 00 X
Crooker, Chas., Admr.	4 65 X
Dionne, Ernest	3 00 X
Given, C. S.	3 00 X
Gagnon, Alponse	3 00 X
Gagnon, Fred	3 00 X
Grows, J. M.	3 00 X
Grady, John	3 00 X
Hazling	3 00 X
Hoyt, Fred	3 62 X
Hamlin, James A.	3 00 X
Hamilton G. W.	3 00 X
Hatch, Gordon	3 00 X
Jordan, Edward	3 00 X
Kane, G. F.	3 00 X
Leavitt, John P.	4 47 —

Letart, John B.	1 70 X
Leveque, Pierre	3 00 X
Leveque, Alphonse	3 00 X
Leveque, Charles	3 00 X
Leveque, Napoleon	3 00 X
Goud, Arthur	3 00 X
McDonald, Chas.	3 00 X
Marguir, Thomas	3 00 X
Michaud, Hovel	3 00 X
Michaud, Henry	3 00 X
Mitchell, Henry	3 00 X
Ouillette, Leon	3 00 X
Plummer, A. A.	3 00 X
Palazzi, James	3 00 X
Purinton, James	3 00 X
Perry, H. L.	3 00 X
Pollard, Orlando	3 00 X
Robinson, Oremelle	2 00 X
Starbid, E. R.	3 00 X
Smith, W. H.	3 00 X
Small, Howard	3 00
Small, Irvin	3 00
Sedgley, Levi	3 00 X
Tibbetts, Jonas	3 00 X
Thibeault, Alphonse	3 00 X
Webber, D. B.	3 00 X
Welch, George	1 00 X
Higgins, George	8 43 X
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	\$193 87

Non-Resident

Bernier, Remi	\$1 55 X
Bisby, D. E.	55 80 X
Morse Brothers	73 91 X
Thayer, Henry	60 45 X
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	\$191 71
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	\$385 58

Unpaid Taxes of 1907

FOSTER B. MESERVE, COLLECTOR

Couloumbe, Eric	3 00
Barnes, Harry A.	3 31
Burrell, C. E.	4 55
Bryant, Ernest	3 00
Bernier, Louis	3 00
Bernier, Ovide	3 00
Christopher, Harry A.	3 00
Curtis, Norris G.	3 00
Curtis, Bryant	3 00
Douglass, Albert	3 00
Grady, Charles	3 00
Grady, W. F.	3 62
Hunter, W. Thomas	3 00
Hall, E. C.	4 55
Hazling, Lionel	3 00
Higgins, Robert	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C., Jr.	3 00
Leavitt, John P.	4 47
Leveque, Pierre	3 00
Leveque, Adelard	3 00
Merriman, Ray	3 00
Marquis, Thomas	3 00
Michaud, Hovel	3 31
Mitchell, Henry	3 00
McKeiver, Alfred M.	3 00
Orr, Frank H.	1 00
Ouellette, Leonce	3 00
Orr, Charles	3 00
Plummer, Harry	3 00
Patten, Ralph J.	3 00
Berreault, Geo. A.	3 00
Robinson, Oremille	3 00
Roberts, R. E.	3 00
Roberts, George A.	5 17

Richardson, G. A.	3 00	
Rochefford, Staniselas	3 00	
Sedgley, Stephen	3 00	
Small, Irvin	3 00	
Bajeski, E.	3 00	
St. Pierre, Joseph	3 00	
Temple, Irvin	3 00	
Tebbetts, Jonas	3 00	
Tebbetts, Bert	3 00	
Thibeault, Alphonse	3 00	
Thornton, Thomas	3 00	
Williams, Ralph	3 00	
Wilson, Swansey	3 00	
Urban, Geo.	3 00	
Beecher, Mike	3 00	
Hacker, Charles	2 33	
	<hr/>	\$155 31

List of Unpaid Taxes for 1908

Avery, Joseph	\$3 00
Andros, M.	3 00
Boucher, Frank	3 00
Bouchard, Abraham	5 75
Brown, E. M.	3 75
Berry, Ralph B.	3 00
Bernier, Alexander	3 00
Belanger, John B.	3 00
Brown, W. H.	9 75
Bernier, Louis	3 00
Brickett, Frank	3 00
Blaisdell, S. A.	3 75
Bryant, Ernest	3 00
Bernier, Camelle	3 00
Bernier, Ovide	3 00
Bernier, Camile	3 00
Bartlett, F. R.	3 00

Bushier, J.	3 00
Belanger, Damase	3 00
Colby, C. O.	3 00
Carr Brothers	10 68
Hebray, M.	3 00
Balson, M.	3 00
Christopher, H. A.	3 00
Cary, Louis R.	3 00
Colby, Howard	3 00
Curtis, J. P.	3 00
Curtis, Geo. K.	3 00
Curtis, Bryant	3 00
Cobb, William B.	3 00
Colby, Fred N.	3 00
Colby, J. W.	3 00
Cloutier, Camile	3 00
Cloutier, Alphonse	3 00
Crosman, Harry	3 00
Cye, C. E.	3 00
Desjardin, Alfred	3 00
Dora, J.	3 00
Dapall, Paul	3 00
Edgecomb, Pembroke	3 00
Edgecomb, Gilbert	3 00
Eko, M.	3 00
Furbish, Everett	3 45
Evard, Bert	3 00
French, Robert	3 00
Foot, Paul	3 00
Frailey, M.	3 00
Frailler, P.	3 00
Fabier, J.	3 00
Grady, W. F.	3 00
Grady, Charles	3 00
Goud, Fred	3 00
Gagnon, Joseph D.	6 50
Gagne, Napoleon	3 00

Graves, Geo. M. heirs	7 01
Griffin, Frank A.	3 00
Gauthier, Andrew	3 00
Graves, John	3 00
Gardos, Jos.	3 00
Hunter, Thomas	3 00
Hennessey, Wm.	3 00
Hodgkins, Nelson C.	15 60
Harvey, Hubert	3 00
Hazling, Lionel	3 00
Haskell, Fred	3 00
Hunter, James B.	3 00
Harvok, J.	3 00
Hoenix, C.	3 00
Hadko, G.	3 00
Hall, Arnie	1 50
Julia, Joseph	3 00
Jouchuck, J.	3 00
Kirouac, Joseph	3 00
Karaska, A.	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C., Jr.	3 75
Leavitt, John	3 00
Leavitt, Walter	3 00
Letarte, John Bape	3 00
Levesque, Alphonse	3 00
Levesque, Joseph	3 00
Levesque, Chas.	3 00
Levesque, Adelard	3 00
Levesque, Jos. L.	3 00
Labbe, Ferdine	3 00
Lucas, J.	3 00
Merriman, A. H.	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.	4 10
Morin, Michell	3 00
Mathurin, Frank	3 00
McKiver, P. K.	3 00
Michaud, Henry	3 00

Marco, J.	3 00
Mounko, Aud	3 00
Mounko, J.	3 00
Orr, Charles	3 00
Orr, Frank	3 00
Plummer, Harry	3 00
Pride, A. B.	3 00
Prebble, Geo. H.	3 00
Quint, Wallace	4.65
Rogers, Henry	3 00
Rogers, Geo.	3 00
Ridley, Woodbury	3 00
Roberts, R. E.	3 00
Roberts, Geo. A.	3 00
Rogers, Lincoln	3 00
Rowell, S. W.	3 00
Ramsdell, Arthur	3 00
Richardson, Geo. A.	3 60
Roy, Alfred	3 00
Small, H. O.	6 00
Stackhouse, W. H.	3 00
Smith, Bert H.	3 00
Spear, Albert	3 00
Stange, Ludger	3 00
St. Pierre, Elzeard	3 00
Strout, Leroy	3 00
Sherba, J.	3 00
Trufant, Geo. O.	3 00
Tripp, Wm. L.	3 38
Temple, Irvin	3 00
Thompson, Geo.	3 00
Trufant, J. Frank	3 00
Tebbetts, Jonas	3 00
Tebbetts, Walter	3 00
Taylor, Richard E.	3 00
Tedford, Pearl L.	6 00
Thibeault, Adelard	3 00

Tramso, M.	3 00
Traellor, J.	3 00
Trufant, Geo.	3 00
Totten, O. L.	4 88
Urban, Joe	3 00
Vannah, James	3 00
Williams, James A.	3 00
Webber, D. B.	3 00
Wilson, Samuel	3 00
Whitten, Warren	3 00
Walko, J.	3 00
Bathier, J.	3 00
Burgoin, J.	3 00
Pergurker, J.	3 00
Owelchmek, Geo.	3 00
Kalchiko, J.	3 00
Owelchmek, M.	3 00
Towne, Jesse	3 00
Harock, J.	3 00
Gripp, John	3 00
Casha, K.	3 00
Palrka, A.	3 00
Orandus, J.	3 00
Beecher, M.	3 00
Pawelchunk, Aud	3 00
Perches, J.	3 00
Dora, J.	3 00
Richme, Aud	3 00
Brag, E.	3 00
Gauas, Ard	3 00
Poniasky, P.	3 00
Ouellette, Leonce	3 00
Pretty, Aud	3 00
Petro, Joseph	3 00
Barron, George	3 00
Bodier, Geo.	3 00
Stephens, Joseph	3 00

Breton, Lend	1 13	
Pratt, Richard	75	
Christopher, W. B.	3 00	
Stone, H. M.	1 76	
Lucking, Fred	3 00	
Waid, George	3 00	
Hall, A. E.	3 00	
Thorne, Frank W.	3 00	
Neiver, Aud	3 00	
Ragine, M.	3 00	
Sherba, M.	3 00	
Sajonk, Aud	3 00	
Ridley, Chas.	3 00	
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School Report

Statistics

Whole number in town between the ages of 5 and 21	679
Whole number attending school	393
Number of separate schools maintained	14
Number of teachers employed	18
Number of weeks of school	36
Number attending rural schools	232
Number attending village schools	161
Estimated value of school property	\$15,000

High School

Mr. Winslow, who came with very good recommendations, was chosen Principal of the High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cone. Mr. Winslow resigned on Jan. 23; and Mr. Fairclough, a recent Bowdoin graduate, who was well recommended, was at once appointed in his place, and the prospect seems very encouraging for a successful school.

The course of study is given below. The studies marked with a star are those taken in the English course in place of Latin.

1st YEAR

<i>Fall Term</i>	<i>Winter Term</i>	<i>Spring Term</i>
Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
Latin Lessons	Latin Lessons	Latin Lessons
Physiology	Physiology	Comp. & Rhetoric
*Civil Government	*Civil Government	*Astronomy

2nd YEAR

Latin Lessons	Latin (Cæsar)	Latin (Cæsar)
Algebra	Algebra	Geometry
French	French	French
Comp. & Rhetoric	Comp. & Rhetoric	Book-keeping
*Phys. Geography	*Phys. Geography	*Geology

3rd YEAR

Geometry	Geometry	Gr. & Roman Hist.
Latin (Cæsar)	Latin (Cicero)	Latin (Cicero)
French	French	French
Physics	Physics	Physics
*Book-keeping & Com. Arithmetic	*Business Methods	*Botany

4th YEAR

Latin (Virgil)	Latin (Virgil)	Latin (Virgil)
French	French	French
*Gen. History	*Gen. History	*Gen. History
Literature (Amer. Authors)	Literature (Eng. Authors)	Arithmetic and Algebra reviewed

The work in English and Literature follows the course marked out by the Association of American Colleges for preparatory work.

The requirements for admission to the High School are Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Elementary Physiology, and U. S. History completed, and one year's work in Elementary Algebra. As will be seen, the school offers two courses of study, the English and the Classical. The English course is planned expressly for those who do not contemplate College work after graduation. The Classical course gives the student an opportunity to fit for any of the Maine Colleges. Three members of the school successfully passed either final or preliminary college examinations last June.

Common Schools

The great majority of the schools have been carried on to the satisfaction of the Committee, and some of them with an earnestness and interest on the part of both teachers and pupils which is very gratifying.

It is thought that the buildings and other school property are in as good condition as usual, and that about the usual amount of repairs will be needed for the coming year.

Resignation of Mr. Cone

The loss which the educational interests of the town have

sustained in the resignation of Mr. Cone, after a long term of faithful and efficient service, calls for a word of appreciation.

During his service the standard and general character of the High school has been raised to a marked degree. It is now on the approved list of standard schools, and with the exception of the Bath High School is the only school in the county which enjoys that distinction.

The general tone of education throughout the town has been greatly benefitted during this period by the elevating influence of a man of liberal education, extended experience, and sound judgment.

Superintendence of Schools

The committee has temporarily postponed the election of a new superintendent, as it has as yet been unable to find any satisfactory person for the position. It is a position requiring not merely considerable education and practical training in educational work, but also that the person filling it be free from duties or interests which might interfere with the success of his work. This difficulty seems likely to be as great in the immediate future as at the present time.

In addition to this necessary reason, it has seemed wise to the committee (acting with the consent of the State Superintendent of Schools) to defer the whole matter until it could know what action the town would take in regard to joining with some other town or towns in engaging the services of a superintendent.

In the opinion of the committee the only natural, logical, and business-like arrangement would be a union with Brunswick. These two towns together afford a field which offers so many obvious advantages to a superintendent that it is believed that a man of broad education, culture, and experience in school work, can always be found for such a position; while if a union were made with one or more of the small neighboring towns, the position of superintendent would not be nearly so desirable, and it is hardly to be expected that as good candidates would be as available as in case of a union with Brunswick.

Besides this, Brunswick and Topsham are so closely joined that much time and considerable money, which the superintendent would necessarily spend in travelling around to villages quite a distance apart, would be saved and could be put into effective work.

A joint superintendent for Brunswick and Topsham would be accessible every day to the people of both towns.

It should be understood by all that this union would be a union merely in the matter of hiring a superintendent, and does not mean any merging of the school systems into one; but each town would carry on its own school affairs as independently as it does now. The division of the superintendent's time is provided for by law in proportion to the amount paid by each town, so that neither town has opportunity to take advantage of the other. The arrangement can be dissolved at any time by a two-thirds vote of the joint school committees of the towns.

The employment of these superintendents has worked so well in our parent state, Massachusetts, that now every town in that state is benefitting by the services of a professional superintendent. Maine is following the example of Massachusetts and the plan has met with unqualified approval wherever tried.

We now have to pay our proportional part of a large sum (about \$100,000 or more) to maintain these superintendents in other towns, for which we are getting no return whatever, while if we join with another town in hiring a superintendent, we shall then receive from the state our proportionate share of money toward paying the salary of the superintendent. In other words, so long as we *stay out* of such a union we are paying for something which we do not get, and it would seem a plain business proposition to take our share of the funds toward which we contribute.

It is the belief of the committee that in no other way can the town secure a good, up-to-date system of supervision of its schools, and there is no question of more vital importance to a town than the training of its children.

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